

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)
2. (previously presented) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein the periodic wave pattern of at least one of said first and second elastic members has a slope of between about -1 and 1 relative to the direction of the securement path.
3. (previously presented) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 2 wherein the periodic wave pattern of at least one of said first and second elastic members is generally sinusoidal.
4. (canceled)
5. (previously presented) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein said first and second elastic members are coextensive along the securement path.
6. (previously presented) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein said first and second elastic members are secured to the substrate in generally parallel, spaced relationship with each other along at least a portion of the securement path.
7. (previously presented) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein said first and second elastic members are secured to the substrate in generally

5 transversely spaced relationship with each other along at least a portion of the securement path, the transverse spacing between said first and second elastic members varying along said portion of the securement path.

8. (previously presented) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein said first and second elastic members cross each other at least once within the securement path.

9. (withdrawn) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein the periodic wave pattern of the second elastic member is substantially the same as the periodic wave pattern of the first elastic member.

10. (previously presented) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein the periodic wave pattern of the second elastic member is substantially the negative of the periodic wave pattern of the first elastic member.

11. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 10 wherein the first and second elastic members cross each other at least once within the securement path.

5 12. (original) An elastic composite comprising a substrate and an elastic member secured to the substrate along a securement path extending longitudinally along the substrate, the securement path varying laterally relative to the substrate as it extends longitudinally along the substrate, the position of the elastic member varying transversely within the securement path to at least partially define a width of the securement path.

13. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 12 wherein the elastic member is secured to the

substrate in a generally periodic wave pattern having at least one period within the securement path.

14. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 13 wherein the periodic wave pattern of the elastic member is shaped such that the elastic member has a slope of between about -1 and 1 relative to the direction of the securement path.

15. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 13 wherein the periodic wave pattern of the elastic member is generally sinusoidal.

16. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 12 wherein the elastic member is a first elastic member, said composite further comprising a second elastic member secured to the substrate, said first and second elastic members together at least partially defining said securement path width, the position of the second elastic member varying transversely within the securement path.

17. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 16 wherein said first and second elastic members are coextensive along the securement path.

18. (withdrawn) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 16 wherein said first and second elastic members are secured to the substrate in generally parallel, spaced relationship with each other along at least a portion of the securement path.

19. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 16 wherein said first and second elastic members are secured to the substrate in generally transversely spaced relationship with each other along at least a portion of the

5 securement path, the transverse spacing between said first and second elastic members varying along said portion of the securement path.

20. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 16 wherein said first and second elastic members cross each other at least once within the securement path.

21. (withdrawn) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 16 wherein the periodic wave pattern of the second elastic member is substantially the same as the periodic wave pattern of the first elastic member.

22. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 16 wherein the periodic wave pattern of the second elastic member is substantially the negative of the periodic wave pattern of the first elastic member.

23. (original) A elastic composite as set forth in claim 22 wherein the first and second elastic members cross each other at least once within the securement path.

24. (original) An elastic composite comprising a substrate and an elastic member secured to the substrate along a crooked securement path, the position of the elastic member varying transversely within the securement path to at least partially define a width of the securement path.

25. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 24 wherein the securement path defines a periodic pattern, at least one period of which is formed on the substrate, the position of the elastic member varying transversely within the securement path in a generally periodic pattern having at least two periods within each period of the pattern defined by the securement path.

26. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 24 wherein the securement path is arcuate.

27. (original) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 25 wherein the elastic member is secured to the substrate along the securement path such that the composite is more stretchable in the direction of the securement path than transverse to the securement path.

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42. (withdrawn) An elastic composite comprising a substrate and a pair of elastic members secured to the substrate in generally transversely spaced relationship with each other along a crooked securement path, the transverse spacing between the elastic members defining a width of the securement path, said securement path width varying along its length.

43. (previously presented) An elastic composite comprising a substrate and first and second elastic members secured to the substrate along a securement path extending longitudinally along the substrate, said first elastic member being secured to the substrate so that the position of said first elastic member on the substrate varies transversely within said securement path in a first generally periodic wave pattern having at least one period within said securement path, said second elastic member being secured to said substrate so that the position of said second elastic member varies transversely within said securement path in a second generally periodic wave pattern having at least one period within said securement path, said first and second generally periodic wave patterns being shaped such that the elastic composite is more stretchable

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direction transverse to the securement path.